

Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) Program

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
2005 HSEES Events – Quarterly Summary *
January 1 through March 31 (First Quarter)

GREENE COUNTY

	Fixed Facility	Transportation	Total
County events this quarter:	2	3	5
Statewide events this quarter:	39	24	63

Types of Substances Released:

Ammonia

Methamphetamine Chemicals Not

Otherwise Specified (NOS)

Paint NOS

Number of Victims: 2

Types of Injuries Sustained:

Burns – Thermal

Injury Outcomes:

Treated at hospital – admitted

Number of Events with Evacuations: 0

Number of People Evacuated: N/A

Interesting Events:

January 2005 – A tenant in an apartment complex tossed an oxygen tank filled with anhydrous ammonia out the window because it was leaking. The reporting party was an Environmental Professional (EP) and he responded to assist as needed. The fire department was at the scene and the police had already been there and had gone. The apartment was filled with strong vapors and was sealed with duct tape to prevent fumes from affecting other apartments. Fire department personnel told the EP that when they entered the apartment they observed some materials that appeared to be related to the manufacture of pipe bombs. It is unknown why the police were not more involved and what became of the pipe bomb manufacturing materials. The EP packed the empty tank in a 55-gallon drum and took it to be recycled.

January 2005 - Two people suffered burns after a methamphetamine lab explosion caught their home on fire. The victims had first- and second- degree burns on their faces, arms and hands. The fire was caused by leaking fumes from one of the containers they used for the lab.

All other events were minor transportation spills.

* Preliminary data – subject to change

